

## **CALFED OPERATIONS COORDINATION GROUP**

### **MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS**

1:00 PM – 4:15 PM

April 28, 2004

#### **Handouts**

1) CALFED OPS GROUP Operations Briefing Package, dated April 28, 2004; Guy Masier, DWR.

2) Preliminary b(2) Accounting, Oct '03 – Sep '04.

3) Letter from Regional Director, USBR and Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to CVO Operations Manager and Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office dated December 17, 2003, subject: Guidance for Implementation of Section 3406(b)(2) of the CVPIA.

4) EWA Presentation, dated April 28, 2004.

5) Delta Mendota Canal Recirculation Study, dated April 28, 2004

#### **Announcements**

There was a fire at the New Melones WAPA switchyard early today, no significant structural damage.

#### **SWRCB Activities**

VAMP - By letter dated April 13 from Tim O'Laughlin, Merced and Modesto/Turlock Irrigation Districts confirmed withdrawal of their Long-Term Change Petition for 47,000 acre-feet to conduct the VAMP "double-step."

RECIRCULATION - SWRCB staff has arranged a meeting with USBR in late May to discuss the recirculation feasibility study required pursuant to D-1641. SWRCB staff anticipate completion of a revised Plan of Action and timeline for completion of tasks following the meeting. Correspondence related to this matter will continue to be posted on the Division's web-site.

X2 - The Exec. Director of the SWRCB sent a letter on April 23 in response to Environmental Defense's, CCWD's and the Bay Institute's April 5 letter concerning potential flexibility in the X2 requirement. The letter indicates that if any changes may need to be made next year in this requirement, DWR and USBR should submit a change petition well in advance of the time frame in which the change may be needed. Any change order may be conditioned such that it will be effective only under certain hydrological conditions.

New Melones Temp. Urgency Change Order - The Chief of the Division of Water Rights sent a letter yesterday in response to comments received on the Bureau's temp. urgency change petition. Based on those comments, the Division Chief amended approval of the change to require a plan by November

15 of this year detailing how the Bureau intends to comply with the fish and wildlife flow requirements during 2005.

## **On-Going Activities Related to the Ops Group**

### Status of Response Plans

Water Quality Response Plan – Coordinating with Contra Costa Water District on preparation of the plan.

Long Term Water Level Response Plan – The draft was distributed. South Delta needs more time to review it. Dredging hopefully will start in Fall 2004.

Fish Protection Plan – Continuing work on preparation of the response plan.

### OCAP Consultation

Expect to have OCAP completed June 30, 2004.

## **Fishery Status**

### Chinook

Young of the year Spring Run are starting to show up at the pumps.

### Steelhead

On the American River, still have redds out and fry have yet to emerge. 20% may emerge within the next 2 weeks.

### Delta Smelt

The 5-year status review was completed on March 31, 2004. Delta Smelt will remain a threatened species. The delta smelt are not showing up in the south Delta yet. The take has been fairly low so far this year, and there is a good possibility that the red light will not be hit this year.

### Splittail

No issues to report.

## **Work Group Activities**

### OFF Update

No Update

## DAT Update

Regular weekly DAT calls are still being done. Winter Run clipped are just approaching the yellow light level. Non-Clipped are not at the yellow light level.

## WOMT Update

Not a lot of real time operational issues going on. Discussions regarding to Long Term EWA Operations have been taking place.

## **Operations Status**

The CALFED Ops Group Operations Briefing package was discussed.

## CVP/SWP Operations Status

Currently Delta Outflow is 12,200 CFS. Clifton Court is exporting 1,500 CFS. Feather River is releasing 1,700 CFS. State share of San Luis Reservoir is about 970,000 acre-feet. Trinity releases are at 300 CFS. Clear Creek is at 200 CFS. Spring Creek Debris Dam is at 10 CFS. Release from Keswick is at 8,000 CFS. Nimbus is releasing 2,500 CFS. Goodwin release is at 1,250 CFS. Tracy pumping is approximately 500 CFS. Federal Share of San Luis Reservoir is approximately 850,000 acre-feet. Court of Appeals granted Hoopa a normal year river release schedule for Trinity releases. Temperature control compliance point below Shasta is a little over 56 degrees. Whether or not X2 is triggered for May is to close to call at this point. This may be the year the San Luis storage goes low, may be less than 300 TAF.

## Delta Operations Criteria

No issues

## San Joaquin River Operations

VAMP in progress

## EWA Operations

EWA is covered in agenda item number 8.

## VAMP

VAMP seems to be going well.

## **Recirculation Update**

Michelle Light from Reclamation provided an update on Reclamation's progress on the Recirculation Plan required in D-1641.

## **B2, EWA Accounting Presentation**

Roger Guinee, Paul Fujitani, Peggy Manza and Nick Hindman discussed CVPIA 3406(b)(2) daily accounting for October 2003 to March 2004 and potential fishery actions for the remainder of the year. The memorandum dated Dec 17, 2003, providing guidance for implementation of CVPIA 3406(b)(2) was distributed and discussed.

Tracy Pettit reviewed 2004 EWA actions.

## **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**